

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 and 28-47 (canceled).

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1 Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A method of raising an immune response ~~treating or preventing mycobacterial disease in an animal or human against a mycobacterium,~~ which method comprises administering an effective amount of vaccinating said animal or human against a polypeptide selected from:

- (i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;
- (ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);
- (iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or
- (iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope.

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1 Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 24 which method comprises administering ~~vaccinating or treating said animal or human with an effective amount of a~~ polypeptide selected from:

- (i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;
  - (ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);
  - (iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or
  - (iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope
- to said human or animal.

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1 Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25 ~~24~~ wherein the polypeptide is provided by expression from a polynucleotide which method comprises ~~vaccinating or treating said animal or human with an effective amount of a~~ polynucleotide capable of expressing a polypeptide selected from

- ~~(i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;~~
  - ~~(ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);~~
  - ~~(iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; or~~
  - ~~(iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope.~~
- ~~or an expression vector comprising any such polynucleotide.~~

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein said polynucleotide is selected from:

- (i) a polynucleotide according to SEQ ID NO: 23;
  - (ii) a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 23;
  - (iii) a fragment of a polynucleotide of (i) or (ii); or
  - (iv) a polynucleotide having at least 90% homology to a polynucleotide of or  
(i), (ii) or (iii).
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